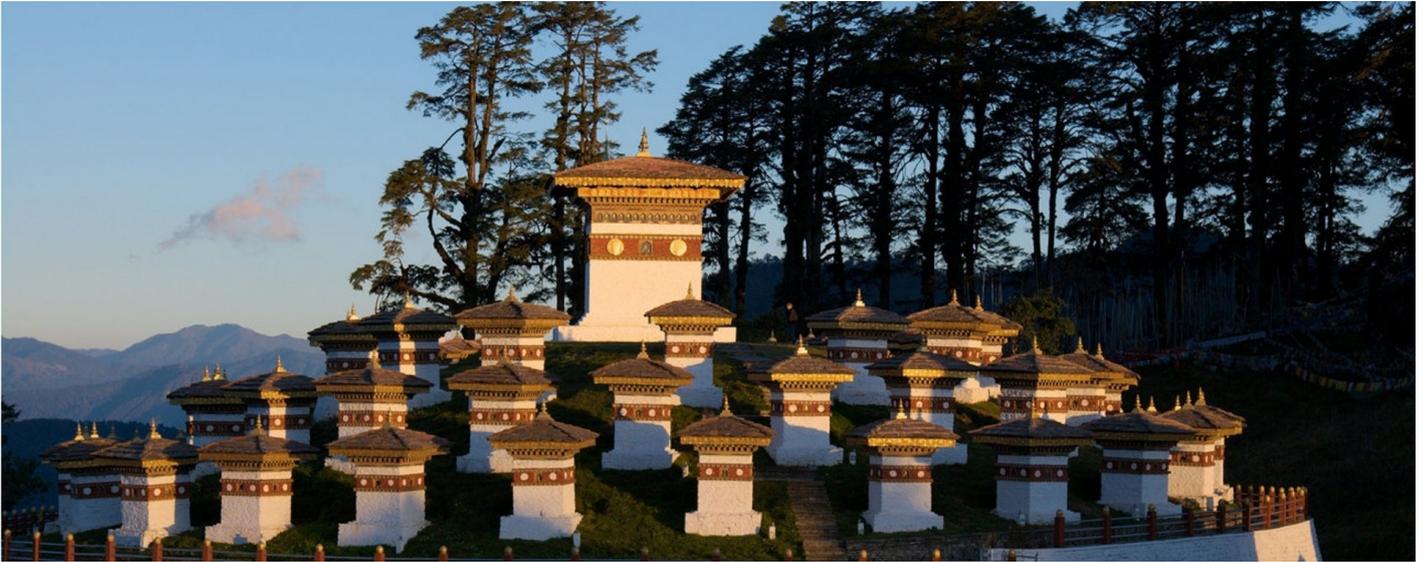


Bhutan Tour



The heartland of the Drukpa people- is comprised of the Haa Valley, Paro Valley, Thimphu, Punakha Valley, Wangdue Phodrang and Phobjika Valley. This part of Bhutan is known for its stunning scenery with rice paddies and orchards, magnificent mountains, pristine rivers that flow through the main towns of Paro, Thimphu and Punakha, and unique two-story houses with brightly painted window designs. We will cross the high passes such as Cheli La (3988m, 13,084ft.), Dochu La (3050m, 10,007ft.), Pele La (3300m, 10,825ft), from where we will enjoy the superb views of the mountains and the valleys.

Duration: 5 days

Price: \$1160

Group Size: 2

Grade: Easy

Destination: Kingdom of Bhutan

Activity: Tours

Equipment Lists:

Footwear : Well broken-in walking shoes - these must be suitable for snow, thick socks, light socks, camp shoes.

Clothing : Down or fiber filled waterproof jacket and trousers, sweater or fleece jacket, underwear, warm and cotton trousers or jeans, shirts and T-shirts, shorts, long underwear, wool hat, sun hat, gloves, bathing suit, track suit.

Other equipment: Sleeping bag (5 seasons), lock, day pack, water bottle, sun cream, sunglasses, flashlight with spare bulbs and batteries, lip salve, gaiters.

Other items: Insect repellent, toilet articles, diary, toilet roll, laundry soap, wet ones, pocket knife, towel, sewing kit, plasters, binoculars, camera, film, cards and personal medical kit.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Paro – Thimphu Valley Tour

Early morning flight to Bhutan (Please check the flight timing) Upon your arrival in Paro airport our guide will be there to welcome you and transfer to Thimphu. Lunch in the hotel and later drive pass by Memorial Chorten (temple) built in memory of the late 3rd King. Visit Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley offering a nice view of the valley. Enclosure where national animal, Takins are kept and drive to visit the largest and newly built statue of Buddha offering magnificent view of entire Thimphu valley.

Day 2: Thimphu – Punakha

Morning visit the traditional Hand Made Paper Mill, School of Arts and Crafts where students learn 13 different arts used predominantly in Bhutan, Folk Heritage Museum, National Library and the Traditional Institute of Medicine. Drive to the Zilukha nunnery to meet the nuns and interact with them. Lunch in the town and drive to Punakha through Dochula pass (3200 mts) If the weather permits one can enjoy a spectacular view of the highest mountains of Bhutan at a site that stretches almost 180 degrees. Walk around the 108 stupas and continue to sub tropical valley of Punakha. On arrival, if time permits hike to the temple of Chimi Lakhang, the temple of fertility associated with religious art of phallus.

Day 3: Punakha – Paro

Morning drive to visit Punakha Dzong (fortress) which houses the most elaborated temple in the country. This is a fine example of Bhutanese rich Art and Architecture. Retrace the drive back to Paro. After lunch visit Paro Dzong (Fortress) on foot and continue walking through the oldest wooden bridge still in use. Continue further to stroll around the old Paro town and peep into some local handicrafts stores. Could get some opportunity to see the traditional game, Archery match going on. Evening back to the hotel and enjoy the facility in the hotel.

Day 4: Paro Sightseeing

Morning drive to the base for the hike (2 hrs uphill) to Tiger's Nest, the most revered temple in the country that literally hangs on a granite cliff overlooking the Paro valley. Lunch in the cafeteria. Most of the day will go on the hike. Back to the hotel and enjoy the facility. Hot stone bath for standard package. Farewell dinner in the town.

Day 5: Departure

Morning transfer (10 minutes) to the airport for your departure flight. Your guide will bid you farewell at the airport.

Cost Include:

- Airport pick up & drop off transportation as per itinerary
- Bhutan Visa Fees
- Bhutan Tourism Development Fund
- An English speaking Bhutanese guide
- 3 meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) as per itinerary
- Twin/Double Sharing accommodation in Hotel Tent as per itinerary
- Experienced driver
- All entrance fees and permits

Cost exclude:

- International Air fare
- Single supplement charge
- Drinking water
- TIPS for staffs
- Soft Drinks & Hard drinks
- Expenses of personal Nature
- Medical / Travel Insurance
- Anything not specified in cost include section